

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A media distribution device for selectively delivering media
5 content to a media presentation device, the media distribution device
comprising:

a media adapter for receiving media content from a media delivery
service provider;

10 a data adapter for receiving data from the media delivery service
provider;

a local account data module containing an identification of a portion
of the media content for delivery to the media presentation device; and

a local account manager operative to modify the identification of the
portion of the media content for delivery to the media presentation device.
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2. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the media
content is delivered over a communication link between the media
distribution device and a media delivery service provider.

20 3. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the
communication link is a broadband connection.

4. The media distribution device of Claim 3, wherein the
broadband connection is an asymmetric digital subscriber line.
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5. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the communication link is a satellite connection.

6. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the local
5 account manager can be remotely controlled.

7. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the local account manager can be remotely accessed.

10 8. The media distribution device of Claim 7, wherein the local account manager can be remotely accessed via the media adapter.

9. The media distribution device of Claim 7, wherein the local account manager can be remotely accessed via the data adapter.

15 10. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the media content is delivered over a communication link between the media distribution device and a media delivery service provider and wherein the local account manager can be remotely accessed by the media delivery
20 system.

11. The media distribution device of Claim 10, wherein the local account data module can be transmitted to the media delivery service provider.

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12. The media distribution device of Claim 11, wherein the media delivery service provider is operative to store the local account data module.

13. The media distribution device of Claim 1, wherein the local
5 account manager can be locally accessed.

14. The media distribution device of Claim 13, further comprising a user interface whereby the local account manager can be locally accessed.

10 15. The media distribution device of Claim 14, wherein the user interface is provided via the media presentation device.

16. A media distribution system operative to selectively deliver media content to a media presentation device, the mediadistribution system comprising:

5 a media delivery service provider operative to transmit a media content stream to a media distribution device;

a customer account database for maintaining a central account associated with the media distribution device, the central account identifying a portion of the media content stream that is selected for delivery to the media presentation device;

10 a local account data module for maintaining a local account identifying the portion of the media content stream that is selected for delivery to the media presentation device; and

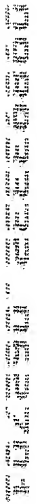
a local account manager for modifying the local account data module;

15 wherein the media delivery device delivers to the media presentation device portion of the media content stream identified by the local account data module.

17. The media delivery system of Claim 16, wherein the local account manager is operative to autonomously transmit the local account data module to the media delivery service provider for storage as the central account.

18. The media delivery system of Claim 17, wherein the local account data module is transmitted to the media delivery service provider over an asymmetric digital subscriber line.

19. The media delivery system of Claim 16, wherein the media delivery service provider transmits the media stream to the media distribution device over an asymmetric digital subscriber line.



20. A method for filtering a media content stream in accordance with subscriber preferences, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the subscriber preferences;

accessing a local stored account data module;

5 modifying the local stored account data module in accordance with the received subscriber preferences;

delivering a portion of the media content stream to a media presentation device, wherein the delivered portion of the media content stream is defined by the local account data module; and

10 transmitting the local stored account data module to a central account management center.